

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 12 – 13 and 16 under 35 USC 112 as defining subject matter not fully disclosed, specifically, the Examiner states that there is no mechanism to enable the linkage 9 of Fig. 1 to operate so as to open the rear cover 5 at the front or the rear. It is noted however that such linkages are well-known in the art and have been disclosed in various ones of applicants earlier applications and also in various references cited by the US patent office. It should not be necessary to describe details of such known mechanisms.

Concerning the Examiner's objections under point 5, it is noted that "reused" should be raised. The matter has been corrected. Concerning the Examiner's objection that "providing at the front end of the rear roof part" in claim 1 is confusing, it is believed that this confusion is eliminated by the correction of the word re-used to raised: When the front end of the rear roof part is raised, a space is provided for moving the front roof parts into the storage compartment below the rear roof part.

In order to define the invention in greater detail, the subject matter of claim 4 has been included in claim 1 and claim 4 has been canceled. This has been done to more clearly define the roof structure including the rear roof part which extends over the rear trunk and remains in a closed position when the folding roof in the front is in a closed position and also when the folding roof is in a storage position below the rear roof part.

It is believed that the description is fully adequate for an understanding of the invention. It is pointed out that the invention does not reside in the mechanisms for operating the various roof parts but rather in the conceptual arrangement for the front roof parts and the rear roof part which extends over the trunk to the rear end of the vehicle and which is in its closed position when the front roof part is closed or open. The rear roof part is only raised to provide the space for transferring the front roof parts into, and out of, the storage space below the rear roof part.

Reconsideration of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

The remaining claims are all directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1 and therefore include all the limitation of claim 1. They are directed to certain advantageous features. Claim 10 is directed to a particular arrangement for raising and lowering the front roof part or parts. The other dependent claims relate to minor features, which however are considered to be advantageous in connection with the present invention. The dependent claims should therefore be patentable together with claim 1.

Concerning the objections to the drawings the reference numeral 9 is intended to designate any possible type of mechanism for raising and lowering the rear roof part. Since the invention was not considered to reside in the mechanism the reference numeral to designate generally a mechanism for raising and lowering the rear roof part. In this sense it does not designate different structures. The reference numeral 2 designates the front roof parts in various positions but always the same front roof parts. The reference numeral 16 designates the mechanism formed by the arms 21, 22 and the joints 23, 24 and 25 clearly shown in Fig. 13. In Fig. the mechanism is merely symbolized, but it is still the same mechanism.

It is therefore believed that amended drawings are not necessary and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsiders his objections to the drawings

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested and allowance of claims 1, 5, 10, 12, 13 and 16 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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